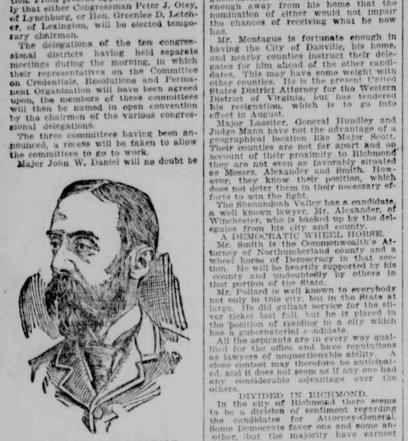
THE OUESTION OF FUSION PROMINENT

Given the Populist Wing of the Party. Something About the Various Caudidates for the Minor Offices.

When the Democratic State Convention When the Democratic State Convention is called to order at the Academy of Music, in Reanoke, on Wednesday, August 11th, at neen by Hen. J. Taylor Ellyson, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, the body will at once proceed to a temporary organization. From present appearances it is likely that either Congressman Peter J. Otey, of Lynchburg, or Hen. Greeniee D. Letcher, of Lexington, will be elected temporary chairman.



SENATOR EDWARD ECHOLS. (Prominently Mentioned for the Office of Lieutenant-Governor.)

the chairman of Committee on Resolutions, which body will have the difficult task of framing the platform.

Hon, E. W. Saunders, member of the House of Delegates from Franklin county, is understood to be a candidate for the position of permanent chairman of the convention, and will in all probability be the choice of the 1.548 delegates, for up to this time no one has raised his voice in opposition.

fice in opposition.
THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.
A good many people are of the opinion that the question as to who is to be the Democratic nomines for Governor will be practically sattled before the date of the convention arrives. If that be so, the convention would have plain sailing until nominations for Lieutenant Governor are reached.

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ernor are reached.
The contest for that office, however,
promises to be an interesting one, Quite
a number of those who endorsed the Chicago platform last year have expressed
themselves in favor of selecting for that
office a gentleman who has been affiliated
formerly with the Populist party in this
are bring his followers permaformerly with the Popular pays state, so us to bring his followers permanently into the folds of the Democratic party. The name most prominently mentioned in that connection was that of Major Mann Page, of Surry county, who has already been endorsed for the nomination by the delegates of Franklin

Major Games is one of the Johnstone who is rec-defined as one of its leaders in his sec-tion of the State. He was one of the first ones last year to move for a union of the silver Democratic and Populist forces by withdrawing the names of Sewall and Waters from the ficket and replacing Watson from the ticket and replacing them by some one upon whom both parties could unite.
NOT YET ENDORSED.

The name of Dr. M. Q. Helt, of Surry county, has also been mentioned in connection with the office, although he has not yet received the endorsement of any specific delegation. Should he be given the nomination, however, he would, no doubt, make a strong candidate, for he is well known all over the State.

Mr. James R. Caton, a talented young lawyer of Alexandria city, has been brought out by the politicians of that city, and a strong canvass is being made on his behalf. If the office of Governor falls to the Southwest, Mr. Caton's chances will, no doubt, be largely enhanced. He has been endorsed by the eighteen delegates of Alexandria, and will, no doubt, receive additional supwill, no doubt, receive additional sup-port in that vicinity. His friends have also been given assurances from other sections of the State that Mr. Caton will secure votes of delegates who are friendly to candidates for the place of Attorney-General, now held by Major R. Tay-

There is no stronger man to be found There is no stronger man to be found in any section of the State, however, than State Senator Edward Echols, of Staunton. He has represented his section in the most acceptable manner for a number of years in the State Senate, and enjoys great popularity. His friends claim that for his thorough knowledge of parliamentary ruling, which he acquired in that position, he would be particularly fitted for the position. While his name has been frequently used in connection with been frequently used in connection with the place by his numerous friends in the Valley and other portions of the State, I have been informed by the most reliable authority that he has never consented to enter the race, and is not a candidate for the postion, although he propredicts. for the position, alhough he appreciates very highly the compliment paid him.

THE OFFICE SEEKS THE MAN. As far back as the session of 1855-96 of the State Legislature, the name of Mr. Merritt T. Cooke, member of the House of Delegates from Norfolk, has been mentioned for the nomination for Lieutenant-Governor, and at that time I took occasion to allude to this fact in the columns of The Times. Since that time his friends have been on the alert, and while they have not been making a great noise about it, it is claimed that his influence, especially in Tidewater, is very strong, and that it would be comparatively easy for him to secure the nomination, should the place be given to that section of the State.

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While he has been urged by his many friends to become a candidate for the nomination, he has never solicited the support of anyone. It is well understood that he would accept the nomination, if offered him, he is one of that class of gentlemen who think that the office should seek the man. He would certainly have the delegation of the Sec-

ond District behind him as soon as his name would go before the convention, and his following in other districts is also quite large.

Mr. Cooke's fitness for the place is well known to all from his experience in the House of Delegates, of which he is one of the Nestors. During the last sees in the House of Delegates, of which he is one of the Nestors. During the last sees in the Democratic caucus of the two houses. He has always taken a prominent part in the deliberations of the body of which he has been amember.

CONTEST FOR THIRD PLACE.
Since the name of Mr. H. V. Strayer, of Rockingham county, has been withdrawn from the list of candidates for Attorney General, there remain only eight competitors in the field. They are Messrs. R. Taylor Scott, of Faquier, the present incumbent; A. J. Montague, of Danville; F. R. Lassiter, of Petersburg; George J. Hundley, of Amelia; William H. Mann, of Nottoway; W. R. Alexander, of Winchester; Lloyd T. Smith, of Northumberland; H. R. Pollard, of Rienmond.

The chances of Major Scott for a re-

Morthumberiand, H. R. mond.

The chances of Major Scott for a renomination are admirable from a geographical point of view. The leading gubernatorial candidates are both far enough away from his home that the nomination of either would not impair the chances of receiving what he now has

ed, and it does not seem as a any any eny considerable advantage over the others.

DIVIDED IN RICHMOND.

In the city of Richmond there seems to be a division of sentiment regarding the candidates for Attorney-General. Some Democrats favor one and some another, but the majority have earnest friends here.

The opinion is strong among many members of the Richmond har that Mr. Montague, of Danville, will make a good run for the nomiration. He has as his staunch friend Congressman Swanson and his own abilities are recomized. Many earnest supporters of both Messrs. R. Taylor Scott and Henry R. Pellard are also to be found among the Richmond legal fraternity. Among the hard workers for the former outside of the city are ex-Congressman Meredith, of the Eighth District, and Hen. Joseph Willard, of Fairfax.

The cause of Major F. R. Lassiter, of Petersburg, has been heartily espoused.

Fairfax.

The cause of Major F. R. Lassiter, of Petersburg, has been heartily expoused by Congressman Epes, of the Fourth District, and not a few are willing to predict that he will make a good showing in the reas.

J. R. CATON IN THE RACE,

His Name Prominently Mentioned for Lieutenant Governor.

Lieutenant Governor.

A formidable candidate for Lieutenant-Governor is Mr. James R. Caton, of Alexandria.

As somebody has remarked, old Alexandria, though ever loyal to the Democratic party, has not been accorded a place on the State ticket within the recollection of any one now living, and as there is a prevailing impression that Northern Virginia is geographically, as well as otherwise, entitled to some place on the ticket the wisdom and justice of selecting one of the citizens is apparent to many.

A day or two ago, however, Major Mann
Page came out in a letter saying that he
could not accept the nomination if offered him, and that he desired to see his
friend Major F. R. Lassiter nominated
for Attorney General. Both gentlemen
being from the same section of the State
the nomination of Major Lassiter would
be impossible, should Major Page be sesected for Lieutenant Governor.
Major Richard V. Gaines, of Charlotte
county, who has been endorsed by his
own county, will be supported by Piedmont pretty generally. He will also find
numerous supporters among the agriculturists of other sections of the State,
Major Gaines is one of the founders of
the Populist party, and one who is recthe Populist party, and one who is recthe fire, and is forced to do considerably



MR. JAMES R. CATON. (Alexandria's Candidate for Lieutenant-Governor.)

more than his law practice will admit. more than his law practice will admit. Lately he has given way to the pressure bearing upon him by his Alexandria, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William friends, and will go into the convention with a strong and substantial backing for the second place on the ticket, to be nominated at Roanoke next month.

James R. Caton was born in Fairfax county, not far from Alexandria, February 6, 1851. His people have been residents of Fairfax and Alexandria for a century or more.

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He has lived in Alexandria since he century or more.

He has lived in Alexandria since he was a small boy, beginning an active life as a newsboy—a carrier for the Gazette. He attended the Alexandria Academy and then St. John's, under the tutleage of Mr. Richard L. Carne, now pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, in Richmond. After finishing at St. John's, he took a course of law in the law school of the National University, in Washington, from which he got both B. L. and M. L., and was admitted to the bar in 1889. He was for a long time in the clerk's office of the Corporation Court, and for five years first deputy to Colonel Morton Marye, now Auditor of Fublic Accounts. He was also assistant city treasurer for quite awhile. He took to politics as a duck to water, yet it was always in behalf of others or to serve the party as only a truly modest and unsellish young man can.

inator of the house-to-house canvas plan, and has opposed those things considered as being unjust, unfair and illegitimate. As Dr. Hoge says, "what is politically wrong cannot be morally right.

Mr. Caton is a great Methodist. He is always chosen to represent the Methodist Prostestant church of Alexandria in church councils. Many think him a minister of the Gospel and put "Rev." before the name. He has also been called "Doctor." During the late Presidential campaign when many of his closer friends were against the regular nominee, Mr. Caton put in his strongest work for Bryan and Sewall. He is naturally a strong reasoner and his speeches have meat and bond and sinew also. He is well fitted to preside over the Virginia Senate and his nomination will strengthen the State ticket, his friends say.

Mr. Caton is married. He has two sons, one a lawyer, the other a doctor, and both working their way up the ladder most creditably to themselves, and grati-

most creditably to themselves, and grati-fying to their parents, who above all else love a happy home.

MR. MERRITT T. COOKB One of the Men Mentioned for the Office

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of Lieutenant Governor.

One of the names mentioned for the
office of Lieutenant-Governor is Mr.
Merrett T. Cooke, of Norfolk, and it has
met with general favor. Mr. Cook who
has been a member of the House of Delegates since the session of 1891-72, was
born in the city of Norfolk in 1846. He
ran the blockade while the city of Norfolk was in the hands of the Federal



MR. MERRITT T. COOKE. (Norfolk's Candidate for Lieutenant-Gov-

troops, and formed the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues. In 1812 he was elected City Collector of Taxes for a term of two years, and was re-elected in 1874. Mr. Cooke has been a member of the City Council of Norfolk for a number of years, serving on the Finance Committee of the same and subsequently he was president of the Council for three years. He was elected member of the House of Delegates in the fall of 1821, 1836 and 1825, where he rendered valuable services as a member of the Finance Committee. He has scrutinized all bills calling for appropriations very closely, and has always advocated the strictest economy, whereby he earned the title of "Watch Dog of the Treasury."

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During the last session of the General Assembly Mr. Cook was challman of the Finance Committee, which distinction was a well-deserved one. He was one of the most prominent members of the House, and his colleagues paid him a vary high compliment by electing him unablements of the Democratic joint caucus of the two houses.

Mr. Cooke also occupied second place on the Committee on Rankes, Currency, and Commerce, and fourth on the Committee on Retrenchment and Economy. His grandfather, Colonel Mordecal Coeks was a member of the General Assembly from Norfolk county for the years 1816, 1817, 1836, and 1837.

Maj. Richard V. Gaines, Mentioned Proms

ulists and the Chicago party, Major Richard V. Gaines. of Charlotte county, will be a prominent candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Major Richard Venable Gaines was born in 1850 at Slate Hill. Prince Edward county, Va., the residence of his maternal grandfather, Col. Richard Venable. His father, Richard Jennings Gaines, was a large landed proprietor, and a leading man in the affairs of his county. He was a staunch Democrat and represented Charlotte county several terms in the State Legislature.

Major Gaines was educated first in a classical school of high grade, conducted by the late Charles Barksdale, at Charlotte Court House. Va. In the fall of 187 he entered the University of Virginia, where he remained for three years, winning distinction in his studies. From thence he went to Harvard, where he finished his University training. Among his college contemporaries in Virginia to-day are Messrs, William Wirt Henry, James Pleasants, John Howard, John L. Williams, of Richmond, and General William H. Payne, of Warrenton. After leaving college, Major Gaines studied law for a while, but never practiced the profession. Seen after attaining his majority his father gave him an interest in a large mercantile firm at Smithville, Va. His disposition, ho vever, was for agriculture, having inherited also a considerable landed estate he thus became a successful farmer before the civil war.

On the breaking out of hostilities he volunteered and was soon made first leutenant of an artillery company raised in Charlotte county, and commanded by the late Charles Bruce. In this company he saw service along the Scuth Atlantic coast, from Wilmington to Savannah. After the reorganization of the army under the conscription get of May, 1821, he joined the Army of Northern Virginia, Jackson's Corps, and was assigned to staff duty in Lawton's Brigade. He served in several campatans under Goneral Lawton until the latter was severely wounded at Shacpsburg. After this battle he was transferred to the quartermaster department with the rank o



Johnston at Greensbox, but the surrenter of the latter prought the war was common the autonomy of the State was restored in 180 Major Gomes was prominent in fine work of organisms the Conservative party, which trimmend and conservative party, in its ble was entered the contributed illuerally of his time and means to the success of the Democratic party, in its ble was entered the party. In its ble was entered the party, in its ble was entered the contributed illuerally of his time and many that the success of the Democratic ing and rehabilitating the sair of Virginia and North Carolina, which was formed at Average and the proposed of the beat material and accomplished much labely composed of the beat material and accomplished much labely composed of the beat material and accomplished much labely composed to the beat material and accomplished much labely composed by the Alliance, which gave rise to the Peoples party, never both the constitutional money, way notes leaved by the Alliance, which gave rise to the Peoples party, never both the constitutional money, way notes leaved by the Alliance, which gave rise to the Peoples party, never both the cambination of the Peoples party, never both the constitutional money, way notes leaved by the Alliance, which gave rise to the Virginia advecate of many of the principles of the Peoples party, never both the wants of business.

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MAJOR R. TAYLOR SCOTT, (The Present Attorney-General, and & Candidate for Re-election.)

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He was mide captain and served until the fail of isse, when he was appointed on the staff of Major-General George E. Pickett as the quartermaster of Pickett Spivision, and with the command served until the close of the war.

After the war Major Scott followed his legal interest and is 1861 be was elected to the State Convention called by mintery authority as representative of the counties of Fauquier and Rappahannock. In 1881 he was elected to the General Assembly, in the lower house of which he served one term.

In 1893 Major Scott was elected Attorney General of the State, in which office he has given general satisfaction and has sustained his reputation as an able lawyer. He has served in that capacity for two terms.

Major Scott is a man of the highest order of integrity and ability. He comes of a family distinguished for legal talent, and is a fine lawyer himself. He did much valuable work in the celebrated Virginia coupon cases, and his advice was often sought in the debt settlement. Major Scott has canvassed the State in a number of campaigns and rendered efficient service to the party. His son, Mr. R. Carter Scott, is his assistant.

THE SOUTHSIDE'S CANDIDATE, The Successful Career of Judge Wm. H

Mann, of Notioway.

The southside is urging for the office of

Attorney-General the name of Hon. Wm. Attorney-General the name of rion. Altorney-General the name of rion. Howas born at Williamsburg, Va., July 30, 1813. He attended school there and at Brownsburg, in Rockbridge county, to which place he removed in 1852, until he was fourteen, when he went to Petersburg, and there commenced life for himself. In 1853, he want to Nottoway as deputy clerk for Richard Epes, E30, who was then clerk of the county. He volunteered in June. 1811, and served the Confederacy with distinction as a member of Company E. Twelfth Virginia Resiment. After the war, he returned to Nottoway, and during his lessure moments, having borrowed a few old law books, took up the study of the law. In 1857, he was admitted to the bar, and at once commenced the practice of his profession, in which he was successful from the Start. He soon built up a good practice, and being a careful student and a hard worker, gradually fought his way forward, until he is now regarded as one of the ablest lawyers of the State.

In 1852, when but twenty-nine years of arge, he was selected by the Democratic Committee of the Fourth District to make a still hunt for Concress, based upon the Hodges Mann, of Nottoway. He was

behalf of others or to serve the party as only a truly modest and unselfish young man can.

He has been chairman of the City Exceutiv Committee, and in times when it needed hard work, and that of the right king to bring out legitimate votes. Mr. Caton was foremost, and his efforts have generally been rewarded with success. His executive ability has been notable in the annals of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was the original of the party management here. It is said that Mr. Caton was th



ne would be required to appear as its law officer."

Mr. Smith's first vote was cast for Gilbert C. Walker for Governor of Virginia and since that time he has never voted except for a Democrat.

Eesides taking, as he has always done, an active part in the local politics of the Northern Neck, he has taken part in every National campaign since Greeley's either as county, schatorial or congressional convasser.

For the past eight years Mr. Smith has served his party as a member of the State Central Committee, and has he melaliman of the Committee of the First Cogressional District since Hon. T. R.

ogressional District since Hon. T. R. Wright resigned that position to acpt the judgeship of the Ninth Judicial For years Mr. Smith has been an ear-

nest advocate of the free colause of silver, and last year exerted himself to have



(The First District's Candidate for Attorney-General.)

his section in line with the sentiment afterwards endorsed by the party at Staun-

ton.
He is an effective and powerful, popular speaker and his friends claim that his name would add strength to any State Of Mr. Smith the Bar Association reso-Of Mr. Smith the Bar Association reso-lution, above referred to, says;
"In him are happily united those quali-ties which would make him when rem-inated, a successful candidate, and when elected, an efficient officer—a fit represen-tative of the party in the canvass, and a worthy servant of the Stale when in office."

HON, ANDREW JACKSON MONTAGUE Will Make a Strong Contest for the Third

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Place on the Ticket.

Hon. Andrew Jackson Montague, a
young and aggressive candidate for the
Democratic normanion of Attorney-General is a son of that famous campaisn
orator, the late Judge Robert L. Montague, of Middlesex county, Va., familiarly
known in his day and time as the Red Fox
of Middlesex. This name was given him
in the celebrated campaign of Letcher
and Goggin, when Judge Montague stumped the State for seven weeks, on account
of the illness of Letcher, in a series of
joint daily discussions with the Hon, William L. Goggin, the Whig candidate for
Governor, and one of the most powerful
public ansakars of his day, Judga Mon-

Johnston at Greensboro, but the surrenter of the initiation of the present system and declined re-election in 1892, He researched in 1893 Major Gaines was prominent in the work of organising the Conservative party, which triumpned in the election of Gibert C. Waiker as Governor. For twenty-five years thereafter he contributed liberally of his time and means to the success of the Democratic party. In 1870 he was elected president of the Farmers Council of Virginia and North Carolina, which was formed at Petersburg for the purpose of reorganisming and rehabilitating the agriculture of the was thought by many that he would have alled a decomplished much valuable order into the State and acceed by the Grange, a national organization. The was a large and influential body, composed to the best imaterial and accomplished much valuable order into the State and acced as enaitment of the Batte and acced as enaitment in introducing this valuable order into the State and acced as enaitment of the success of the Democratic party. In 1870 he was elected president of the fourth District, without having being second to Henry A. Wise's against Know-Nothingism. The Richmond Examiner said in an editorial "that the specific of the Fourth District, without having being second to Henry A. Wise's against Know-Nothingism. The Richmond Examiner said in an editorial "that the specific of the Fourth District, without having being second to Henry A. Wise's against Know-Nothingism. The Richmond Examiner said in an editorial "that the specific of the Fourth District, without having being second to Henry A. Wise's against Know-Nothingism. The Richmond Examiner said in an editorial "that the specific of the Fourth District, without having the percentage of the Fourth District, without having the percentage of the fourth District, without having the percentage of the

the Confederate ranks as a volunteer, and was killed a few weeks later at the battle of Gaine's Mill by the explosion of a shell.

After graduating in law at the University of Virginia in the seesion of 18%, he solected Danville as the place to practice his chosen profession. He at once attained prominence as a lawyer; and was recognized by the Danville bar—a bar noted for the ability, energy and integrity of its members—as a lawyer of conspicuous learning and ability, and an advocate of unusual force and eloquence. Although he is quite young, nevertheless he stands in the front rank of the lawyers of his section of the State, and his ability, learning and integrity as a lawyer are questioned by none who know him. If he is elected Attorney-General, his friends confidently believe that he will make a fine record, and that he will add honor and dignity to the office.

On July 1, 1893, he was appointed by President Cleveland district attorney of the Western District of Virginia, over many of the most prominent lawyers in the State. This district is outranked by but few in the Union in the amount of work required. He has been eminently successful in the discharge of his duties as District Attorney, and has given perfect satisfaction to the authorities in Washington, Mr. Montague has forwarded his resignation to President Mckinley to take effect August 1, 1891.

Mr. Montague took an earnest and active part in the last campaign, warmly advocating the election of Firyan, notwithstanding the fact that he was admonished by the Washington authorities not to do so. He spoke for Firyan up to the night of the election. As a political campaign speaker Mr. Montague's friends claim that he has no superior in the State,



didstes for Alterney-General.

Among the most formidable candidates and all these

Pollard, of this city. His friends claim



MR. H. R. POLLARD. (Richmond's Candidate for Attorney-Gen-eral.)

Congressional districts. Eight years ago ne came within a few votes of soing the nomines for the same high office to which he now aspires. One of the Richmond papers gives the following ac-

Hichmond papers gives the rotowns to two the contest:

The race between Scott and Pollard was quite close, with the former slignty in the lead. Mr. Perkins also received a handsome vote. Before the call of the counties had been concluded the changing of votes began. The name of Mr. rekins was without and numerous changes were made. The trainiers were made so rapidly, and there was so much appliance in the hall that the clerks could applaise in the hall that the clerks could hardly hear all of the alterations desired to be made.

"When the voice had been manifested by counties, it was announced as for-

dresses on the issues of the canvass were pulished by the committee and widely circulated as campaign documents. Mr. Pollard's friends claim that if long and efficient party services are to be considered in the choice of a candidate he will be easily the winner.

His reputation as a sound lawyer and successful advocate are well known. No one doubts that the State's legal business will be safe in his hands.

Mr. Pollard is a member of the Baptist church. He was for two terms president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia and is now one of the vice-presidents of that body of Christians.

Distinguished Citizen of the Southside

Major Francis Rives Lassiter, the Southside's candidate, was born in tectity of Petersburg on the 18th day of February, 1896, and is a son of Doctof Daniel W. Lassiter, one of the most die



MR. F. R. LASSITER (Petersburg's Candidate for

tinguished physicians of South Side. Virginia. On his mother's side he is a nephew of Hon. Francis E. Rives, who represented the Fourth district in Congress before the war, with such marked ability as to acquire National reputation. Major Lassiter in named after him and draws much of his political inspiration from this great Democrat. Ris military litle was carned by service as commanding officer of a battation of Virginia volunteers.

Having pursued his studies at McCabo's University School, Major Lassiter entered the academic department of the University School, Major Lassiter entered the academic department of the University of Virginia, and was graduated in several of its schools. He then took the law course under Professor John B. Minor, and received his E. L. degree in the summer of 1866.

In the spring of 1858 he was elected City Attorney of Petersburg, and held this office by successive re-elections until he resigned in 1853. to accept the office of

Rurnott a dangerous wound with a rock.

A crowd met near the Grayson Sulphur Springs and celebrated the Fourth of July by getting drunk and became involved in a general row, in which some cight or ten rocks were thrown. During this bar-tie Burnott's skull was fractured with a rock which is claimed was thrown by Bowers and at present the chances are against Rurnott's recovery.

Howers has recained Artorney E. Le Nuckolle, of the Hillsville bar, to defend him.

him.

Niss Kate, daughter of Captain W. H.
Sutherland, of Hillsville, was united in
marriage to Attorney it. G. Howard, at
the residence of the bride's father, on
July the 7th. Mr. Howard is one of the
most prominent lawyers at Floyd, Va. It
was a quiet and lovely home wedding,
near being invited but the family relatives.

The best wheat crop that has been grown in Carroll county for years has just been harvested.



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